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Community Planning & Development,  
City of Delta  
4500 Clarence Taylor Crescent  
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**Re: Cycling and Multi-Modal Considerations – Gateway Casino (Application #LU008527)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Delta HUB Cycling Committee is an active and diverse group of local volunteers who have been contributing to cycling safety and connectivity for over three years. We are one of 10 local committees of HUB Cycling, a Vancouver non-profit that is an innovator in cycling education and advocacy.

Members of Delta HUB have participated in recent public meetings for the proposed Gateway Casino, and have compiled comments for the City of Delta to consider in their ongoing review. The proposed project is located on an official Delta Bike Route utilized by all rider groups.

We understand that the main entry and egress for the Casino will be via Vasey Road (60 Ave), as well as an additional limited egress onto Hwy 17A. Having received information on the expected vehicle traffic numbers for visitors and staff, along with hours of operation, we would appreciate consideration and response on the following points:

**1. Enhanced safety of cyclists travelling on the Delta Bike Route: Vasey Road/60 Ave**

Recreational users of the Millennium Trail and Boundary Bay Dike Trail use this route to connect via 60 Ave, the 64 St agriculture tunnel, and 64 St. Commuter cyclists use the same route to access the provincial Bike Shuttle service (at the Town & Country Inn site) as well as nearby TransLink bus service.

In speaking with Delta staff, it is understood that there will be a dedicated left turn lane built on Vasey Road (60 Ave) to handle the increase in traffic. As can be appreciated, this may pose a safety hazard for cyclists using the Bike Route. To raise awareness for drivers and safeguard the safety of cyclists, Delta HUB proposes a need for:

- Signage and road surface markings that clearly identify the presence of cyclists.
- Green caution paint on the bike lanes that travel through this conflict area.



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To maintain a recreational bike route that can be safely used by all ages and abilities, Delta HUB also sees a need to lower traffic volume and speed on Vasey Rd (60 Ave). Measures to consider should include:

- 24-hr bus service for casino patrons and workers.
- Enhanced awareness of multi-modal users (cyclists and pedestrians) using the latest road safety methods at both the Casino entrance and at 62B St / Hwy 17A.

## **2. Enhanced safety and accessibility for users of the Massey Tunnel Bike Shuttle/TransLink**

Commuters from Tsawwassen, Ladner and Tilbury Industrial Park, among others, use the Bike Shuttle located at this site, as well as the bus stops along River Road. Since the Bike Shuttle and TransLink buses are the only way to travel through the Massey Tunnel, personal safety and convenient access are critical. Delta HUB proposes a need for:

- Clear signage and road surface markings, including the potential use of caution paint where vulnerable road users must cross the Casino-related traffic.
- Improved access to buses that travel through the Massey Tunnel (for instance, the 351 from White Rock).

## **3. New Wayfinding Signage for Bike Shuttle stop**

Delta HUB understands that the Bike Shuttle service through the Massey Tunnel will continue at the proposed Gateway Casino. To best orient cyclists arriving in Delta via the Bike Shuttle, Delta HUB proposes that a Wayfinding board be installed, highlighting the Bike Shuttle location as well as an area map identifying the cycling routes to key area destinations (e.g. BC Ferries terminal, Ladner Village, Centennial Beach, Tilbury Industrial Park). The Delta HUB Committee would be pleased to provide guidance on the design of this needed signage.

## **4. Measures to protect cyclists and others from patrons whose ability to drive is compromised**

In late 2016, Delta HUB learned about a tragic crash that killed one cyclist and injured five others along River Road in Richmond. We understand that the young driver had been an all-night patron of the nearby River Rock Casino. To mitigate against similar tragedies here in Delta, Delta HUB encourages:

- Strict on-site monitoring and enforcement of patrons' ability to drive (e.g. due to fatigue and/or alcohol consumption).
- The provision of adequate public or Casino-sponsored transit throughout the Casino's hours of operation.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this important project, and welcome any comments or questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Patrick Thompson  
Chair, Delta HUB Committee